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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The claims have been placed in a condition for Allowance

The Examiner had indicated that claims 10, 22, and 34 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 10, 22, and 34 depended on claims 8, 20, 32 respectively, where claims 8, 30, and 32 depended on independent claims 1, 13, and 25 respectively. Applicants have amended independent claim 1 to incorporate all of the limitations of claims 8 and 10. Applicants have also amended independent claim 13 to incorporate all of the limitations of claims 20 and 22. Additionally applicants have amended independent claim 25 to incorporate all of the limitations of claims 32 and 34. Applicants have canceled claims 8, 10, 20, 22, 32, and 34.

Applicants submit that the amendments place the independent claims 1, 13, 25 in a condition for allowance. All other non-canceled claims depend directly or indirectly from the independent claims 1, 13, 25 are therefore in a condition for allowance.

For the above reasons claims 1-7, 9, 11-19, 21, 23-31, 33, 35-39 are in a condition for allowance. Claims 8, 10, 20, 22, 32, 34 have been canceled.

Explanation of Amendments to independent claims 1, 13, 25

While amending independent claims 1, 13, 25 antecedent basis errors have been corrected and the claim elements rearranged to improve readability of the claims.

The following explanation is with respect to the amendments to independent claim 1. Similar explanations may be provided for independent claims 13 and 25.

The requirements "wherein the groups of associated terms comprise different literary categories, wherein a first literary category corresponds to words used by a named author and a second literary category corresponds to words used in a named book" of claim 10 have been placed adjacent to the requirements "maintaining different groups of associated terms, wherein each group comprises different sets of associated terms" of claim 8 to arrive at the requirements

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"maintaining different groups of associated terms, wherein each group comprises different sets of associated terms, wherein the groups of associated terms comprise different literary categories, wherein a first literary category corresponds to words used by a named author and a second literary category corresponds to words used in a named book" of amended claim 1.

The requirements "determining a selected group of associated terms, wherein determining the terms associated with the selected repeated term further comprises determining terms in the selected group associated with the selected repeated term, wherein different groups are capable of providing different associated terms for the selected repeated term" of claim 8, have been rewritten as follows:

- (a) "determining a selected group of associated terms" [This requirement is now present in amended independent claim 1].
- (b) "determining the terms associated with the selected repeated term further comprises determining terms in the selected group associated with the selected repeated term, wherein different groups are capable of providing different associated terms for the selected repeated term" [This requirement is now present in "determining terms associated with the repeated terms that may be used as substitute terms for the repeated terms by determining terms in the selected group associated with the selected instance of the repeated term, wherein different groups are capable of providing different associated terms for the selected instance of the repeated term, and wherein the substitute terms are capable of being modified via user inputs" of amended independent claim 1. Note that the antecedent basis of "the selected repeated term" has been clarified by amending "the selected repeated term" to "the selected instance of the repeated term" in claim 1.].

Additionally the term "selecting one instance of one repeated term in the text" has been moved in amended claim 1 in order to provide appropriate antecedent basis to "the selected instance of the repeated term".

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Should the Examiner have need any further clarifications the Examiner is requested to contact the attorney/agent at telephone number (310) 557-2292.

Conclusion

For all the above reasons, Applicant submits that the pending claims 1-7, 9, 11-19, 21, 23-31, 33, 35-39 are patentable over the art of record. Should any additional fees beyond those indicated be required, please charge the appropriate Deposit Account indicated in the transmittal. The attorney/agent invites the Examiner to contact him at (310) 557-2292 if the Examiner believes such contact would advance the prosecution of the case.

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